SUBJECTS

11. That Peermade should be made the headquarters of the Devicolam Division.

Mr R. Krishna Panicker (Member, Peermade taluk) stated that some *pakuthies* belonging to the Kottayam Division had been transferred to the Devicolam Division in the recent reorganization. Devicolam, the head quarters of the Division, was situated far away from some of the *pakuthies* such as Manimala and Kanjirapally of the Peermade taluk. The inhabitants of these localities, who had hitherto had to go only a distance of about 20 miles to the Division Cutcherry at Kottayam for transacting business, now had to travel a distance of over a 100 miles to reach Devicolam, to their great inconvenience and discomfort. They had to take a circuitous route, in that they had to come to Kottayam at first and then go to Quilon to take train *en route* to Devicolam. The Member pointed out also that the recent Census showed that the Peermade taluk contained 45,104 people, while Devicolam had only 23,458, and that most of the people in the latter were not permanent residents, unlike those in the former. He suggested that it would be a great help to the people if the Division Cutcherry were transferred to Peermade, and said that the objection that might be raised by the European Planters against this proceedure might easily be got over by the transfer of the Special First Class Magistrate's Court at Peermade to Devicolam. If this could not be done, the Member prayed that the Peermade Magistrate might be empowered to take up cases which would ordinarily go to the Devicolam District Magistrate.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

12. The lands acquired for the Wadai canal at Alleppey and not now needed, should be restored to the respective owners.

Mr. Govindan Kesavan (Member, Nominated) said that, since submitting his memorandum of subjects, he has learnt that the Government, in their Order No. L. R. 798, dated 26th January 1912, have ruled that the lands should be restored to their respective owners. He had only to thank the Government sincerely for the same.

Dewan.—The order which the Member refers to relates to the lands in the Shertallai taluk, but the lands in the Ambalapuzha taluk have been leased on *kuthagapattom* in 1085. No orders have been passed in respect of them, nor will they be passed till the expiry of the term of the leases.

13. Difficulties experienced in getting *puduvals* registered in the names of Pulayas.

Mr. Aiyan Kali (Member, Nominated) first of all thanked the Government for nominating him as a Member of the Assembly to represent the Pulaya community, and also thanked the Members of the last Session for having unanimously acceded to the request made by their representative that a man from the Pulaya community itself should be allowed this time. He said that, in accordance with the reply given to the representations made on their behalf last time, as regards the registration of *puduvals* to them,

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